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Applicant: Gunji et al.
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Title: Threaded Fastener For An Internal Combustion Engine, And Internal Combustion Engine Incorporating Same



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Sir:

Applicant wishes hereby to clarify the following discrepancy noted on the Notice Of Allowability dated 29 June 2005 in the referenced case:

The Notice Of Allowability does not indicate that the certified priority document copy was either received or not received.

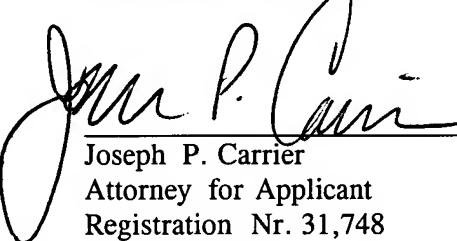
Applicant filed a certified copy of Japan Patent Application 2003-074841 (filed 19 March 2003) with the United States Patent And Trademark Office concurrently with the filing of the referenced application on 02 March 2004. Applicant claims Convention priority under 35 USC §119 from Japan Patent Application 2003-074841.

The Patent Office acknowledged receipt of said certified priority copy via the return receipt postcard that accompanied the new application documents. The Patent Office also indicated, on the Office Action Summary dated 15 February 2005, that "[a]cknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f)" and that "[a]ll ... Certified copies of the priority documents have been received." This acknowledgement was not carried through to the Notice Of Allowability.

Applicant has filed the required certified priority document copy in support of its claim for Convention Priority under 35 USC §119.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

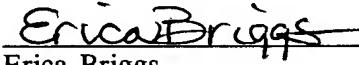


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